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# 2007 Governor's Home Town Awards Program

In many Illinois communities, citizens have been organizing to contribute to their town's economic progress and quality of life. By taking the initiative on a project, mobilizing volunteers and raising funds, they have successfully addressed local needs in a time of reduced public resources. These volunteer projects often have the collective involvement of many such as local governments; business and industry; private, civic and community based organizations; and individuals that donate time, materials, funds and expertise.

# WHY HOME TOWN AWARDS?

The Governor's Home Town Awards Program gives formal recognition to outstanding community volunteer projects. This program is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

## HOW CAN I SUBMIT A PROJECT?

It's simple. Contact the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for an application. Use the attached application request card. The application can be submitted by a variety of community representatives such as a local government, a community organization, a local chamber of commerce, a community action agency, an area agency on aging, a local job training agency, etc.

Once the department receives the completed application, the projects will be divided into population categories. Impartial teams of judges will then evaluate the projects and determine awards, including the coveted Governor's Cup winner.

All Home Town Awards entry applications must be completed and sent to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Applications must be received in the Springfield office by close of business June 15, 2007.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

An application will be sent to your community upon receipt of the attached application request card.

For more information about the Governor's Home Town Awards Program, contact:

Illinois Department of  
Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
620 East Adams  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
217/558-2838  
(TDD: 217/785-6055)

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Please send the 2007 Governor's Home Town Awards Application Guidebook to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## AWARDS PROJECTS

Listed below are examples of projects entered in the program. By capturing the resources available within the community, local volunteers were able to maintain or increase economic progress and the quality of life.

COMMUNITY SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, CRISIS NURSERY, NATURE CENTER, FIRE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION, PARK CONSTRUCTION, AMBULANCE SERVICE, SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER, PUBLIC POOL REHABILITATION, CHRISTMAS FOOD AND TOY DRIVE, DEVELOPMENT OF A RECREATION COMPLEX, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION, CIVIC CENTER CONSTRUCTION, SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, VETERANS MEMORIAL, FOOD PANTRY, BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAMS, INDUSTRIAL RETENTION PROGRAMS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, HOUSING REHABILITATION, LITERACY COUNCIL, UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICES, ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT, CRIMESTOPPER PROGRAM, AND "URBAN PLAYGROUND" FOR AREA YOUTHS.

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2006 Governor's Cup

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